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SUBJ: ORPHAN EVACUATION - FRIENDS FOR ALL CHILDREN

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1. AID CONFIRMS THAT FRIENDS FOR ALL CHILDREN IS A RELIABLE ORGANIZATION WHICH CAN BE EXPECTED TO ARRANGE ADOPTION FOR CAMBODIAN ORPHANS IN THE UNITED STATES OR CANADA.

2. AID CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT ADOPTION WILL TAKE PLACE BECAUSE, ACCORDING TO OUR LAST CONVERSATION WITH MS. GRANT LITTLE PAPER WORK HAS BEEN DONE ON SOME OF THE CHILDREN
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AND THEY MIGHT NOT MEET LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR IMMIGRATION

OR ADOPTION. THOSE ORPHANS FOR WHOM ADOPTION CANNOT BE
ARRANGED WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO STAY IN SAIGON INDEFINITELY
UNLESS THE CONGRESS PASSES A SPECIAL BILL TO ALLOW THEM IN.

3. REGARDING ASSURANCE OF TRANSPORTATION OF ORPHANS TO
SAIGON, WE ASSUME YOU ARE WORKING ON SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS.
DEPARTMENT, AID AND DOD WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IN ADVANCE
ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION INCLUDING TYPE OF CRAFT IN-
VOLVED AND FUNDING PROVISIONS IF ANY. INGERSOLL

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